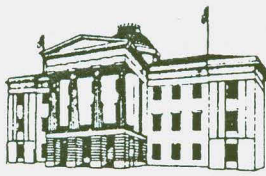


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, patient-governed health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Community Health Centers provide comprehensive primary medical care to over 400,000 patients through more than 1.3 million patient visits, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care; and

WHEREAS, fifty percent of the patients served by North Carolina's Community Health Centers are uninsured, and seventy-two percent are classified as low-income, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers expand access to quality health care for all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have made great strides in the North Carolina health care system, specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost-effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of Community Health Centers throughout the State of North Carolina as part of North Carolina's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of August 8-14, 2010, as "**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**" in North Carolina and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in the great State of North Carolina.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.